

2nd Grade Common Core Reading Literature Ideas & Activities

****All ideas listed were FREE as of 5/15/2012****

Key Ideas and Details

- **RL.2.1. Ask and answer such questions as *who, what, where, when, why, and how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.**

- List of Comprehension Questions to ask -

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Free-List-of-Reading-Comprehension-Questions>

- Fiction & non-fiction book summaries -

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Reading-Comprehension-boxes>

- Comprehension Tri-fold to check characters, setting, and plot -

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Story-Bag-Comprehension-Trifold>

- Fiction Reading Comprehension Spinner (Cover main characters, setting, main idea, problem/solution, important details, and ending of the story) -

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Reading-Comprehension-Spinner-Fiction>

- Basic Reading Comprehension Die – who/what/where/when/why/how -

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Reading-Comprehension-Die>

- Reading Comprehension Sandwich Worksheet – asks for plot, characters, setting, and problem and solution -

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Reading-Comprehension-Sandwich-Worksheet>

- Online Game of Feed the Rex – tests basic comprehension -

http://www.ictgames.com/tellAtRex_v3.html

- Reading Comprehension Witch's Brew -

http://funschool.kaboose.com/fun-blaster/games/game_bon_appetit.html

- **RL.2.2. Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral.**

- Exploring Theme and Lesson -

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Exploring-Theme-and-Lesson-with-Picture-Books>

- Big Idea Worksheet – students write down the book's story and the theme it is trying to teach -

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Big-Idea-Assessment>

- Book Review Blurb -

<http://www.lauracandler.com/filecabinet/literacy/PDFRead/BookReviewBlurb.pdf>

- **RL.2.3. Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.**

- How a character changed worksheet -

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Comprehension-SkillCharacter-Graphic-Organizer>

- Character Cash - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Character-Cash>

- Character Read 'n' Roll -

<http://www.lauracandler.com/filecabinet/literacy/PDFRead/CharacterRead&Roll.pdf>

- List of Character Traits (some are high for 2nd graders, but great for vocabulary building!) - <http://www.lauracandler.com/filecabinet/literacy/PDFLC/charact.pdf>

Craft and Structure

- **RL.2.4. Describe how words and phrases (e.g., regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song.**

- Poetry Analysis - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Poetry-Analysis-Template>

- Poetry Term Cards – for matching or review -

<http://www.lauracandler.com/filecabinet/literacy/PDFPoetry/poetrycards.pdf>

- Poetic Devices -

<http://www.lauracandler.com/filecabinet/literacy/PDFPoetry/poeticdev.pdf>

- Poetry Task Cards – some are more challenging, but these could be great for center work!

- <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Poetry-Task-Cards-Pack>

- Poetry Exploration Worksheet – a basic sheet for students to better comprehend poems -

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Poetry-Exploration>

- Differentiated Poetry Response – three levels to choose from -

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Differentiated-Poetry-Response-Low-Medium-High>

- **RL.2.5. Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.**
 - Story Elements Quick Check or Matching - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Story-Elements-Quick-Check-Freebie>
 - Nonfiction Text Structure - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Nonfiction-Text-StructureFeatures-Search>
 - Fiction Text Structure Foldable (Blank copy could be used for nonfiction as well) - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Fiction-Text-Structure-Foldables>
 - Non-Fiction Text Structure Reference Sheet - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/FREE-Non-Fiction-Text-Structures-Student-Reference-Sheet>
 - Paragraph Structure Puzzles - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Paragraph-Puzzles>
 - Nonfiction Text Structures Posters – includes guide words, title page, table of contents, index, glossary, heading, keywords, illustrations & photographs, captions, diagrams, labels, text box, maps, and charts - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Non-Fiction-Text-Features-Posters>
- **RL.2.6. Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud.**
 - Read My Mood Game (students practice expression of different emotions) - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Reading-Expression>

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

- **RL.2.7. Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot.**
 - Create captions and illustrations for a non-fiction text - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Non-Fiction-Books-Using-Captions-and-Illustrations>
- **RL.2.8. (Not applicable to literature)**
- **RL.2.9. Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story (e.g., Cinderella stories) by different authors or from different cultures.**
 - Fractured Fairy Tales – The Three Little Pigs - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Fractured-Fairy-Tale-The-Three-Little-Pigs-1st-or-2nd-Grade>
 - Graphic Organizer for real and fractured fairy tales - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Elements-of-a-Fairy-Tale>
 - Compare & Contrast Posters and Venn Diagram - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Compare-and-Contrast-Posters-and-Venn-Diagram>

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

- **RL.2.10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories and poetry, in the grades 2–3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.**

Other Beneficial 2nd Grade Activities

Cube Activity for Vocabulary, Character, Setting, Critical Thinking, Writer's Connection, and Questioning (number the questions 1-6 for each area, roll a die, answer that question – can choose one topic to work on, or up to all six topics) -

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Comprehension-discussion-cube-cards>

Author's Purpose Graphic Organizer -

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Comprehension-Skill-Graphic-Organizer-Authors-Purpose>

Text to Self, Text to Text, and Text to World bookmarks -

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Text-to-the-world-around-you-comprehension>

Antonym Task Card Practice - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Task-Cards-32-FREE-cards-for-practicing-Antonyms-Grades-2-3>

Hot Dog Stand Synonyms Matching - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Hot-Dog-Stand-Synonyms-Free-Vocabulary-Game>

Ice Cream Stand Antonyms Matching - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Ice-Cream-Stand-Antonyms-Free-Antonym-Game>

Second Grade Emergency Sub Plans – keep on hand for an entire day's worth of materials if needed - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Second-Grade-Emergency-Sub-Plans>

Compare and Contrast - Book vs. Movie -

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Compare-and-Contrast-Book-vs-Movie>

Reading Strategies Posters - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/FREE-8-Reading-Strategy-Posters>

Worksheets to reinforce Common Core -

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Common-Core-Activities>

ABC Order Galore - <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/ABC-Order-Galore-Freebie>

Real of Make Believe Online Game - <http://www.earobics.com/gamegoo/games/tina/tina.html>

Online Sight Word Matching Game - <http://www.mrcpl.org/literacy/lessons/sight/index.html>